

## **Policy Brief..... DOD Authorization Conference Report**

**Order of Business:** S. 1438, the FY2002 National Defense Authorization Act Conference Report, is scheduled to be considered on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, subject to a rule. The rule, which is standard for a Conference Report, allows no amendments and allows no points of order against the bill or its consideration.

The Conference Report provides a total of **\$343.3 billion** in FY2002 authorizations (*not* appropriations) for national defense.

### **AUTHORIZATION SUMMARIES:**

*Dollars in Thousands (Budget Authority Implications)*

	<b>FY 2002 Request</b>	<b>FY 2002 House</b>	<b>FY2002 Senate</b>	<b>FY2002 Conference</b>	<b>Conf Vs. Request</b>	<b>Conf Vs. House</b>
Procurement, Total.....	61,593,854	62,093,065	62,316,950	62,257,946	1.08%	0.27%
Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Total.....	47,429,433	47,424,930	46,602,535	46,460,771	-2.04%	-2.03%
Operation and Maintenance, Total.....	125,946,142	124,388,014	125,943,443	123,856,072	1.66%	-0.43%
Revolving and Management Funds, Total.....	2,458,394	2,359,694	2,408,094	2,064,104	-16.04%	-12.53%
Missile Defense and Combating Terrorism, General Provisions	0	0	1,300,000	1,300,000		
Military Construction, Total.....	5,897,065	6,351,613	6,301,641	6,396,531	8.47%	0.71%
Family Housing, Total.....	4,074,347	3,973,099	4,128,892	4,103,469	0.72%	3.28%
Atomic Energy Defense Activities, Total.....	13,804,667	13,814,667	14,612,697	14,423,209	4.48%	4.41%
<b>GRAND TOTAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE.....</b>	<b>343,283,957</b>	<b>343,222,757</b>	<b>344,387,026</b>	<b>343,283,957</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.02%</b>

### **KEY LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE:**

**Vieques Training Facility** – The Conference Report contains language canceling the referendum authorized last year on the use of Vieques as a training facility. In addition, the Conference Report only permits the closing of the Vieques facilities after certification that training site(s) are available that provide equal or superior level of training.

**Demilitarization of Former Military Articles** – The Conference Report does not contain the Senate provision requiring the demilitarization of military equipment formerly owned by DOD. Numerous House Members, individual collectors and groups committed to the Second Amendment opposed overly broad Senate language.

**Expansion and Extension of Federal Funding for Local Firefighters** – The Conference Report extends and increases the authorization for appropriations for the

recently created program to provide grants to state and local firefighters. The Conference Report authorizes \$900 million a year through FY2004. In FY2001, the program was authorized at \$300 million.

**Military Assistance for Border Security** – The Conference Report deletes the House provision authorizing the use of military personnel to assist INS and Customs in securing our borders.

**Missile Defense** – The Conference Report includes:

- the President's request for \$786 million for the 2004 Pacific missile defense test bed, including \$273 million for construction primarily at Fort Greely, Alaska and other Alaska locations
- \$780 million (matching the President's request) for BMD system activities including battle management, communications, targets, countermeasures, and system integration
- \$2.2 billion (matching the President's request) for terminal defense systems, including Patriot Advanced Capability – 3 (PAC-3), Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS), Navy Area, Theater High Altitude Air Defense (THAAD), and international missile defense programs, including the Arrow program
- \$3.9 billion (matching the President's request) for mid-course defense systems, including ground-based (formerly known as National Missile Defense) and sea-based (formerly known as Navy Theater Wide Defense) missile defense programs
- \$685 million (matching the President's request) for boost phase systems, including the Airborne Laser (ABL) and Space-Based Laser (SBL)
- \$496 million (matching the President's request) for the Space-Based Infrared System (SBIRS) and international sensor programs, including the Russian-American Observation Satellite project.

To read more details on the Conference Report, go to this website:

<http://www.house.gov/hasc/pressreleases/2001/01-12-12confpr.PDF>

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